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glad I should be if Philad^a offered any inducement to them
to settle here to advantage! - Anna M. Hopper was saying late-
ly she wished they would come & that Maria would open
a school for young children - she and our Maria Davis
would like to place theirs under such guardianship.

But I should prefer her going to the World's Convention
first. Are you not going to send her? - as she was dis-
appointed accompanying her husband when he went -
she ought to go now. - Had I the means, how gladly would
I aid her in the undertaking. - My husband & self really
~~are~~ making ready for the voyage - It is a late conclu-
sion. Sarah Pugh and Elizabeth J. Deall will accompa-
ny us. We hear of very few going from Penn^a - We should
like to be informed who are actually going from Mass.
We see a long list in the Lib^r - Thy name among the
rest. So we conclude all are not going. How sorry I
am that circumstances will prevent thy ^{being there} ~~going~~. Why
cant Caroline or Anne W. represent you doc? - Who of
the new-organization will be sent? No women I conclude.

We should not be at the Anniversary Mtg. in N.Y. if we were
in the country - for it occurs during the week of our yearly
Mtg. which would keep us at home. We now expect to
leave N.York in one of the packet ships - about the 7th
or 9th of next Mo. - Let me hear from thee before we
leave - W^m L. Garrison, it seems, feels bound to stay
till the battle is over in New York - at the risk of his
not reaching London in time for the opening of
the convention. I am more & more convinced that
new and old organization can no more walk together
Joshua Leavitt's editorials of late - & Gerrit Smith's let-
ter with the charges against his brethren - dispirit

and grieved me much - I have ever hoped that J. G. W. would have his eyes opened, by such letters & denunciations - but he certainly seems to be blinded - & pours all his censures upon one party. - We received the letter thou alluded to, from your self called "Board", stating their grievances & calling for our sympathy, putting several questions to us - as to what they should do &c. - begging the favor of an answer -

It was read at our last meeting & a motion was made to answer or rather to acknowledge its reception & decline any further participation in your unhappy divisions - I opposed this on the ground of our having taken no notice of your letter, which also contained some inquiries as to how we would have proceeded under similar circumstances & asking too a repetition of our favor. Some members thought the request not so direct for an answer, & that courtesy demanded that we should notice ~~it~~ ^{the last} I then moved an amendment, that we should reply to both - which was accepted - but the motion was lost altogether - so you will not be likely to have further communication from us.

I was not at the meeting - being absent from the city, when your letter was read - It called forth no remark I was told - Anne asked for further information of our Delawarean treatment - but it is such an old story now that I don't feel like filling my page with it - The scene was truly awful at the time - Dr. Beall's new wife was not injured to mobs as some of us are - she shook, as with an ague fit from head to foot. I plead hard with them to take me as I was the offender - if offence had been committed, & give him up to his wife - but they declined saying

"you are a woman & we have nothing to say to you." - to
 wh. I answered "I ask no courtesy at your hands on account
 of my sex". but they had heard of him before as Pres.
 of Penn^a Hall - Our presence & remonstrances no
 doubt moderated their purposes - for they treated
 us with respect - told me "all that was said in my
 was well liked, till that subject was touched up".
 They only put tar enough on his coat to ^{not give on his person} ~~reclaim~~ their
 adding a few feathers. I obtained a rail from a fence near made
 use of it but a few minutes commenced a song "rid on a rail"
 when they released him say "now old man, you are at liberty
 returned to them say "now, my Smyrna friends - if any of you sh
 be in Philad^a I would come to my house I would give you as much
 to eat & drink as you want". They asked "will you give us brandy"
 "No" he replied, "nothing but water, I am a thorough cold water man."
 "Thank you sir" several said - & as we walked from them - not on
 followed, not offered the least insult. - It was really a respectful
 mob - I rejoiced to have no feeling in my heart toward them other
 than pity. & love for the lady & stand around who listened to all I said.

Lucetta, Mott April 1848
 Subject. Bro. G. A. S. Gail
 Cause. Our Letters. Concern
 Motion of A. G. Ans.

Mays 1840

Maria M. Chapman
 care of Henry G. Chapman
 Boston, Mass.

sent to Sarah Beaton 12/10/4 north 3rd St
 Philad^a - and as in way not return before
 sent your subscription to the Liberator for
 non resident with the due of our own
 to be credited to our account for this 2 papers
 done sufficient to
 with no
 Edmund Stone
 Elliott

As respects M. L. Cox's letter - The charge may perhaps as well not be contra-
 dicted - altho' I have no objection to any publicity given to what I wrote - I
 mentioned it to May & found his letter was written before our press. My concern
 is if I called him an unfair statement I would rather say chronous state-
 ment. Moreover we can't say much for ourselves - for while we do not forcibly
 carry out his sister - we employ a guard of young men at our gates to keep her out
 this is done to be sure without physical violence or rather without personal
 injury - but it is not so thoroughly non-resistant as some of us could desire.